



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Louisiana is addressing the needs of the homeless using a collaborative approach and has accomplished much over the last fifteen years to prevent homelessness; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana has joined the rest of the country in an effort to establish long-term and short-term plans both at the state level and through the regional jurisdictions to end homelessness within ten years using a housing first model; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2005, the State Conference on Homelessness will be held in Shreveport at Sam's Town Hotel from September 19-21, 2005, and will be hosted by HOPE for the Homeless, the Louisiana Interagency Action Council for the Homeless, and the Louisiana Advocacy Coalition for the Homeless; and
- WHEREAS,** we continue to move forward in a new era of housing and service delivery in Louisiana as evidenced by the focus on strategies to join with federal, state and local officials to utilize scarce mainstream resources efficiently and effectively and are dedicated to implementing solution-oriented programs that work as evidenced by the theme of this 2005 Conference, *Ending Homelessness: The Tools to Make it Happen!* Which will provide a forum of national, state, and regional presenters to examine the necessary tools of planning, data collection and provision of permanent supportive housing stock that will help us meet the goal of ending chronic homelessness in ten years; and
- WHEREAS,** the hope for this conference is that the spirits of providers and consumers alike will be inspired and energized resulting in successful implementation of integrated services and housing resources for all in need that will bring about an end to the plight of destitute families and individuals struggling to overcome homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19 through 24, 2005, as

HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Louisiana and encourage all citizens to become more aware of the hardships of families and individuals who are homeless and to recognize and support the efforts within each community to develop and strengthen integrated continuum of care service systems to comprehensively address the complex and diverse needs of homeless persons.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 15th day of August
A.D., 2005.*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana